

Town Meeting Warrant
Town of Lamoine State of Maine

Hancock, ss.

To: Stuart Marckoon, Deputy Town Clerk, Town of Lamoine, Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Lamoine, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Lamoine Town Office in said town on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:55 AM then and there to act by secret ballot vote on articles 1 through 2, polls closing on article 2 at 8:00 PM on March 3, 2020; and to warn and notify the voters to meet at the Lamoine Consolidated School Gymnasium in said town on Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 2020 at six o'clock in the evening (6:00 PM) then and there to act on articles 3 through 28, all of said articles being set out below, to wit:

1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.
2. To elect the following Town Officers by secret ballot:
 - a. Selectman & Overseer of the Poor (1 position, term to end town meeting 2023)
 - b. Assessor (1 position, term to begin July 1, 2020 and end June 30, 2023)
 - c. School Committee Member (2 positions, terms to end at town meeting 2023)

Open Town Meeting
Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Prior to the start of business (5:30 PM):

- Lamoine 150! Presents: Lamoine's First Town Meeting - 1870
 - Recognize "Citizen(s) of the Year" (Board of Selectmen to present)
3. To see if the town will vote to set the date that property taxes will be due in two equal payments on August 31, 2020 and February 28, 2021, and to fix the rate of interest at 9.00% to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning September 1, 2020 and March 1, 2021 respectively, and to fix the rate of interest paid for overpayments at 5.00% per annum.
 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to offer to sell any property automatically acquired by tax liens to the previous owner(s) for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest; should the previous owner decline to redeem the property after 30-days' notice, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to advertise for sealed bids on same, and stating the lowest bid acceptable, and to execute, upon specific town meeting approval, a quit claim deed to the highest responsible bidder; and further to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town. If sale is to anyone other than the former owner, the Board of Selectmen shall follow the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. §943-C for qualifying homestead property.
 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and/or dispose of any property or fixtures deemed to be surplus and unusable to the Town and worth less than \$1,000 fair market value, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable after advertising such items publicly.
 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds from the money received from the State of Maine for registration of snowmobiles to the Frenchman Bay Riders Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining snowmobile trails.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept pre-payments of 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 taxes not yet committed and set the rate of interest at 0% for overpayments pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.
8. To see if the town will vote to adopt the Revised Lamoine Comprehensive Plan as proposed following a public hearing on January 20, 2020 by the Comprehensive Planning Committee. A copy of the proposed plan is on file at the Lamoine Town Clerk's Office.
9. To see if the town will vote to amend the Lamoine Shoreland Zoning Ordinance dated March 18, 2020. A copy of the proposed amendment is on file with the Lamoine Town Clerk's Office.
10. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute a property line agreement with Marion McDevitt regarding the town owned land depicted as tax map 1 lot 52 and land owned by Mrs. McDevitt on tax map 1 Lot 14.
11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$11,850 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 for the purposes of repairing the cupola at the Lamoine Town Hall.
12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for its share of costs for enforcement and administration of the Frenchman's Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Ordinance. (*The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000.00*)
13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration and to set the salaries of the following elected officers whose salaries will be paid from the Administration Account of the General Fund, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish the rate of compensation for appointed officials.

Position	Recommended Salary (Budget Committee & Selectmen)
Selectman (Chair)	\$1,600.00
Selectman (non-chair, 4 positions)	\$1,000.00
Assessor (Chair)	\$1,600.00
Assessor (non-chair, 2 positions)	\$1,500.00

(The Budget Committee & Selectmen recommend \$247,647.78 and the salaries as outlined above.)

14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for capital projects and debt service payments. (*The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend a total of \$81,000 for the following projects*):
 - *Land Conservation Fund, \$1,000*
 - *Town Office Foundation/Steps Fund, \$20,000*
 - *Lamoine Sesquicentennial Celebration, \$5,000*
 - *Transfer Station Redesign \$50,000*
 - *Internet/Cable TV Line Extension \$5,000*
15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement, including operations of the Planning and Appeals Boards, and to authorize expenditure of the state share of local plumbing fees to the Maine Department of Human Services. (*The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$37,100.00.*)

16. To see what sum the Town of Lamoine will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of social service organizations listed below, which made written requests for funding from the Selectmen, and met the criteria of the Town Meeting Donation Requests Ordinance adopted November 7, 2000 as amended.

Requesting Agency	Requested	Recommended
American Red Cross	\$600.00	\$600.00
Health Equity Alliance (DE AIDS Network)	\$700.00	\$700.00
Downeast Horizons	\$700.00	\$700.00
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$700.00	\$700.00
Families First Community Center	\$700.00	\$700.00
Friends In Action – Community Connection	\$700.00	\$700.00
VNA-Home Health Hospice	\$579.00	\$579.00
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	\$700.00	\$700.00
Lamoine Historical Society	\$700.00	\$700.00
Lifelight Foundation	\$700.00	\$700.00
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry	\$700.00	\$700.00
Women's Infants & Children	\$700.00	\$700.00
Yesterday's Children	\$300.00	\$300.00
Total	\$8,479.00	\$8,479.00

(The Budget Committee & Selectmen recommend \$8,479.00 as outlined above. The donation requests ordinance requires the Board of Selectmen to recommend no more than 5% of one mill, which is \$13,163.14)

17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Maintenance. *(The Parks Commission, Recreation Committee, Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$22,840.00).*
18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for library services. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,010.00. The Ellsworth Public Library has requested funding of \$8,010.00).*
19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety Expenditures. *(The Budget Committee, Selectmen and Fire Department recommend \$89,606.06)*
20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Road Maintenance. *(The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend \$190,450.00.)*
21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for major road projects including re-pavement of a section of Shore Road and a section of Mill Road. *(The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend \$147,000.00).*
22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for waste disposal including operation of the Lamoine Transfer Station, shipment to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, recycling contractor, monitoring of wells around the former landfill, and to authorize the Selectmen to continue the contract of disposal of septic sludge. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$153,475.00)*
23. To see which revenues the Town will vote to appropriate for inclusion in the non-education portion of the budget to offset local property taxes.

Revenue Fund	Amount	Fund Total
General Fund		
Interest on Real Estate Taxes	\$12,000.00	
Automobile Excise Taxes	\$375,000.00	
Watercraft Excise Taxes	\$3,000.00	

Administration Fees	\$250.00	
Tax Lien Charges	\$4,500.00	
Agent Fees	\$5,700.00	
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$1,750.00	
Interest on Investments	\$16,000.00	
Rental Income – Cell Phone Tower	\$15,870.00	
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus)	\$120,000.00	
		\$554,070.00
Road Fund		
Road Fund	\$10,000.00	
URIP Program (State Funding)	\$22,000.00	\$32,000.00
Code Enforcement Fund		
Code Enforcement Fees	\$10,000.00	
Transfer from Code Enforcement Fund	\$5,000.00	
Plumbing Permit Fees	\$4,000.00	\$19,000.00
Recreation Fund		
Recreation Fees	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
Other Funds		
Local Animal Control Fees		\$1,500.00
Transfer Station Capital Fund		\$50,000.00
Total Offsets to Local Property Tax		\$659,370.00

(NOTE): Municipal Revenue Sharing will also reduce the tax commitment and is not included in the above figure. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend the revenue figures listed above.)

24. To see if the Town will vote to continue and establish the following funds:

Fund Balance Account	Balance as of 6/30/19*
Code Enforcement Fund	\$41,027.60
Fire Truck Reserve Fund	\$16,730.17
Road Assistance Fund	\$39,802.66
Education Capital Fund	\$10,124.96
Animal Control Fund	\$4,065.71
Revaluation Reserve Fund	\$109,840.17
Insurance Deductible Fund	\$8,663.31
Harbor Fund	\$28,194.23
Cable TV Channel Fund	\$44,278.27
Parks Fund	\$5,458.54
Capital Improvements Fund	\$52,696.58
Land Conservation Fund	\$1,605.16
Veterans Memorial Fund	\$5,572.54
Conservation Commission Fund	\$1,518.04
Flag Display Maintenance Fund	\$1,676.77
Allen & Leurene Hodgkins Fund	\$39,909.55
Recreation Fund	\$23,852.40
Town Hall Renovation Fund	\$61,568.00
Heating Assistance Fund	\$15,037.99
Sesquicentennial Celebration Fund	\$29,050.43
Transfer Station Capital Fund	\$115,577.29
Education Fund (from operations)	\$571,136.23
Education Special Ed Reserve	\$150,000.00
Education Secondary Tuition Reserve	\$35,000.00
Education – Facilities Maintenance Reserve	\$127,884.00
Cemetery Care Fund	\$5,992.84

(NOTE) Most funds are part of continuing operations, so the balance of 6/30/19 does not reflect any appropriations, expenditures or revenues for the current fiscal year.
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend continuing and establishing the above funds)

25. To see if the Town will authorize expenditure of funds from the Harbor Fund for improvements at the Harbor area as suggested to and approved by the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Selectmen to set the compensation of the Harbor Master and Deputy Harbor Master to be paid from the Harbor Fund. Expenditures are not to exceed available amounts in said fund.
26. To see if the Town will authorize expenditure of funds from the Cable TV Fund for operation of Lamoine's Cable TV channel as suggested to and approved by the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Selectmen to set the compensation of the Cable TV Operations Manager. Expenditures are to be deducted from and Revenues are to be added to the Cable TV fund. Expenditure amounts are not to exceed available amounts in said fund.
27. To see if the Town will authorize expenditure of funds from the Veterans' Memorial Fund as recommended to and approved by the Board of Selectmen for the purposes of maintaining the memorial, not to exceed the available amount of the fund.
28. To see if the Town will authorize expenditure of funds in the Conservation Commission Fund as recommended to and approved by the Chair of the Conservation Commission for commission projects, said funds not to exceed the available amount of the fund.

Voting on articles 3 through 28 will take place in open town meeting at the Lamoine Consolidated School beginning at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 during regular business hours at the Lamoine Town Hall to correct any error in, or change a name or address on the voting list, and to accept registration of any person eligible to vote. A person who is not registered as a voter in the Town of Lamoine may not vote in any municipal election.

Signed at the Town of Lamoine

/s/ S. Josephine Cooper

/s/ Gary McFarland

/s/ Robert Christie

/s/ Kathleen Rybarz

/s/ Nathan Mason

*The Lamoine Board of Selectmen,
Municipal Officers of the Town of Lamoine*